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Randolph Township Thanks Veterans

Again this year the Randolph Board of Township Trustees on behalf of all the Randolph residents would like to thank all of our veterans, past and present for the service and sacrifice that they have given to our country.

A simple thank you falls short of our heartfelt gratitude for your contribution to our freedom and security.

God bless you always.



SALUTE OUR VETERANS



RANDOLPH COMMUNITY PICNIC



The Randolph Township Trustees are planning a Community Picnic at the Randolph School Park on July 21, from 4 pm to dusk.

If you have any questions or suggestions for entertainment please call Dan at 330 325-7338.

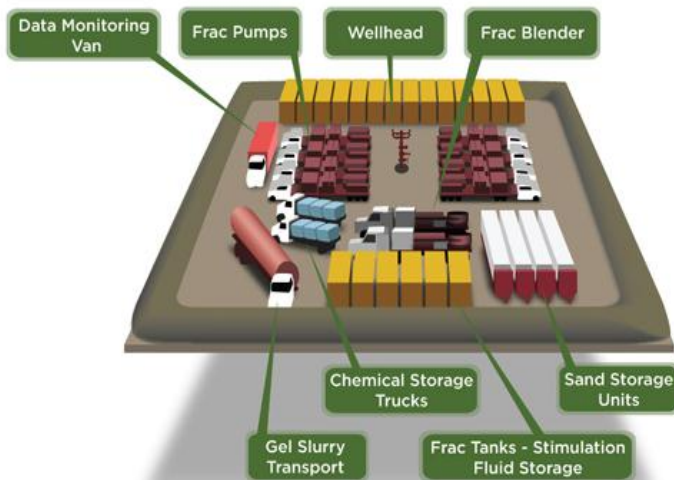
Hydraulic Fracturing Briefly Reviewed

Hydraulic Fracturing with the production of horizontal drilled oil and gas wells has become a hot issue in our area in the last few years. At this time there are no wells using this process in Randolph Township, but Portage and Stark Counties have begun too see these types wells starting to be utilized for oil and gas production.

This article is offered as basic info on the process. Everyone should investigate this issue for themselves. Much information has been in the media and on the internet. Check out the Randolph Township Website for more info at RandolphTownshipOhio.gov.

Although hydraulic fracturing operations take a relatively short amount of time to complete, the process requires the use of advanced technology and a variety of equipment. From data monitoring to hydraulic fracturing blenders and pumps, this highly developed and regulated process involves a flurry of activities. See the illustration to the left for a basic setup during the process.

These are the simplified steps in a common hydraulic fracturing process.



Common Hydraulic Fracturing Equipment

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Speeding on Roads in Randolph

If you have driven the back roads of Randolph for many years you have seen that the amount of pedestrians and bike riders have increased. This creates a dangerous situation when drivers are speeding or not paying attention to what may be beyond a curve. For example a person on Fairground Rd. walks their dog in a motorized wheelchair.

Horses are also on our roads more frequently than in the past. Approach horses with caution and reduce your speed.

Please be careful and aware of the surroundings when driving our roads. Thank You.

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14 Trustees Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
21 Garden Club 7 pm Community Center
22 Historical Society 7 pm Town Hall
24 Trustees Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
25 Bluegrass Music 6 pm Community Center
28 Zoning Commission 7 pm Senior Center

July

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Hydraulic Fracturing

1. Water, sand and additives are pumped at high pressures down the wellbore.
2. The liquid goes through perforated sections of the wellbore and into the surrounding formation, fracturing the rock and injecting sand or proppants into the cracks to hold them open.
3. Experts continually monitor and gauge pressures, fluids and proppants, studying how the sand reacts when it hits the bottom of the wellbore, slowly increasing the density of sand to water as the fracturing progresses.
4. This process may be repeated multiple times in "stages" to reach maximum areas of the wellbore. When this is done, the wellbore is temporarily plugged between each stage to maintain the highest water pressure possible and get maximum fracturing results in the rock.
5. The fracturing plugs are drilled or removed from the wellbore and the well is tested for results.
6. The water pressure is reduced and fluids are carried up the wellbore for disposal or treatment and re-use, leaving the sand in place to prop open the cracks and allow gas and oil to flow.

Below is an illustration of how groundwater is protected when a well is properly constructed. For more basic information on the process of help in further research contact the Randolph Township Trustees Assistant Dan Kolasky at 330 325-7338.

The Friends of the Randolph Library will be holding their Annual Summer Book Sale on August 1 thru 3, 2012 in the Randolph Community Center. The dates and times are as follows:



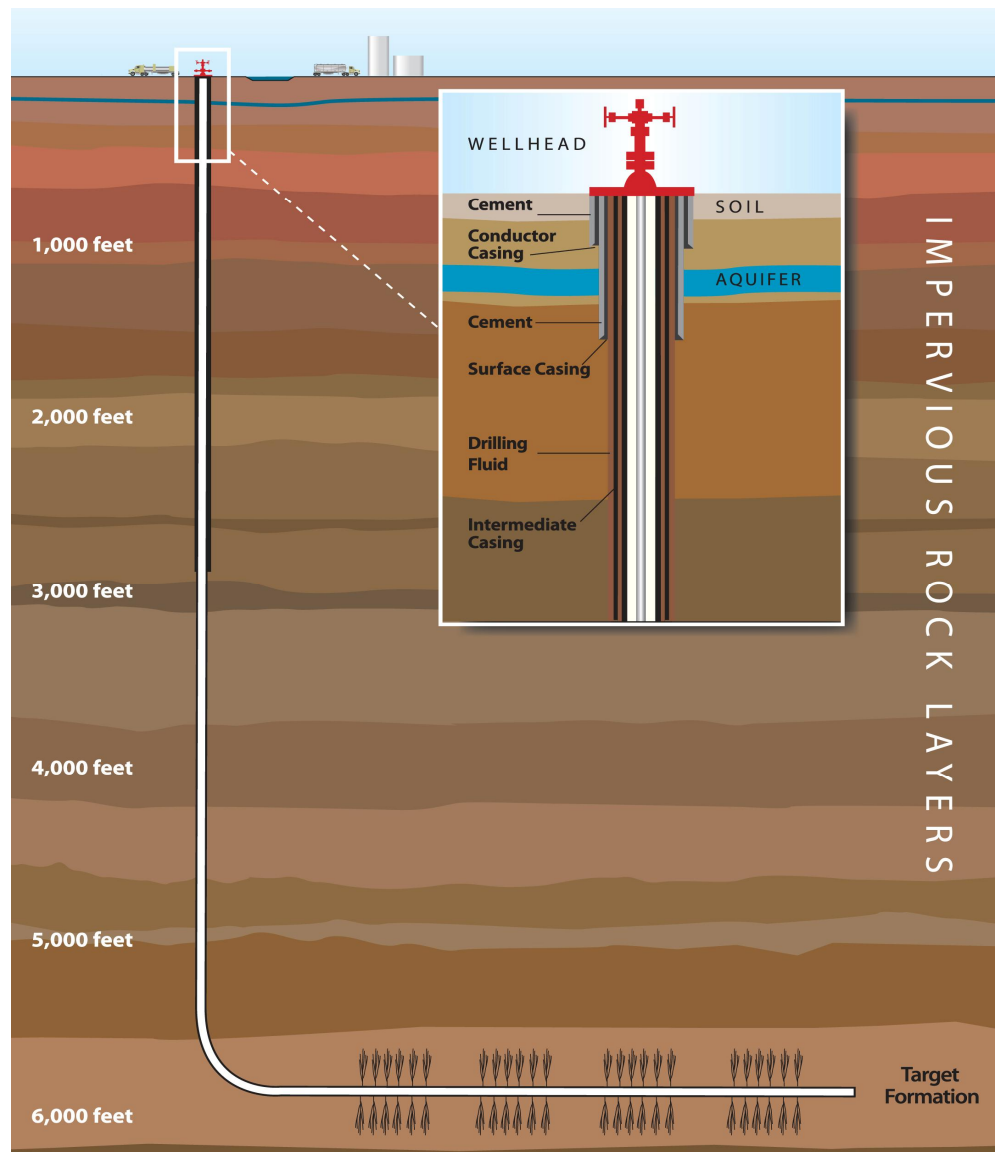
Wednesday, August 1, 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday, August 2, 10 am - 5 pm

Friday, August 3, 10 am - 4 pm

Donations for this sale will be accepted at the Randolph Library during their regular business hours.

This is one of the major fundraisers for the FOL group. Stop in and help support the Randolph library.



Zoning In Randolph Township

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Zoning is the regulation of the use, location, height, number and size of land, buildings or structures within a specified zone or area of the community. Its purpose is to protect property values and preserve the desired character of the community, while providing for orderly growth and uniform development. Since any zoning is a restriction upon unlimited use of land by the owner, it must have reasonableness to public health and safety.

Ohio authorized township zoning in 1947. Ohio law provides for the submission of a zoning plan to the electors of the Township and if it is adopted, contains provisions for the administration, enforcement and amendment of the zoning plan. In 1968, the Randolph Township Zoning Resolution was adopted.

The Zoning Inspector is appointed by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Zoning Resolution. Rufus Fassnacht was the first Zoning Inspector.

If you plan to build or remodel anything on your property, from a house to an accessory building, you will need to first obtain a Zoning Permit at the Zoning Office. Your plans and application will be reviewed to ensure they meet all applicable zoning requirements before a permit is issued. The Zoning Department also investigates complaints of possible zoning violations, ranging from construction without a valid zoning permit to the location of junk motor vehicles on property. The current Zoning Inspector and Trustees Assistant is Dan Kolasky and he may be reached at 330 325-7338.

For information on the zoning requirements for dwellings, additions, accessory buildings/structures, permitted signage, variance or zoning amendment application procedures, and home occupations, please review the Information on the township website zoning page at RandolphTownshipOhio.gov

Current members of the zoning boards are:

Zoning Commission - Fred Maier, Brad Miller, Gary Harrison, Betty Siegfert, Jim Presley, Pat McGowan and Diane Makruski

Zoning Board of Appeals - Bob Moledor, Don Pashke, Kevin Steiner, Dolores Hermann, Erin Myrla, Mark Wise and George Klag

Call Dan Kolasky if you have any questions or comments.

The pictures to the right are pictures of the Randolph Memorial Day Parade in past years. The top picture is an aerial photo from 1968 looking down at 3636 Waterloo Rd. presently the Randolph Township Administration Complex and Ball Fields.

The bottom photo is looking at the parade turning North onto St Rt. 44 in 1971. It is hard to find older photos of Randolph years ago. If you have any photos that may be of general interest to the community and maybe good to include in future newsletters contact Dan at 330 325-7338. The photos can be scanned while you wait or will be returned to you undamaged.



Join a Community Organization

There are many active Community Organization in Randolph. The following are the organizations and contact information:

Randolph Lions Club

330 388-3543

Randolph Garden Club

330 608-5852

Ladies Cemetery Association

330 877-2095

Randolph Senior Citizens

330 325-1256

Randolph Historical Society

330 325-7542

Friends of the Randolph Library

330 325-9781

Randolph Business Roundtable

330 990-3701

Randolph Suffield Atwater Food Shelf

330 325-7466

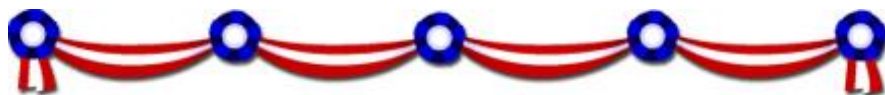
There also are many programs at the Randolph Library. Call for information at

330 325-7003





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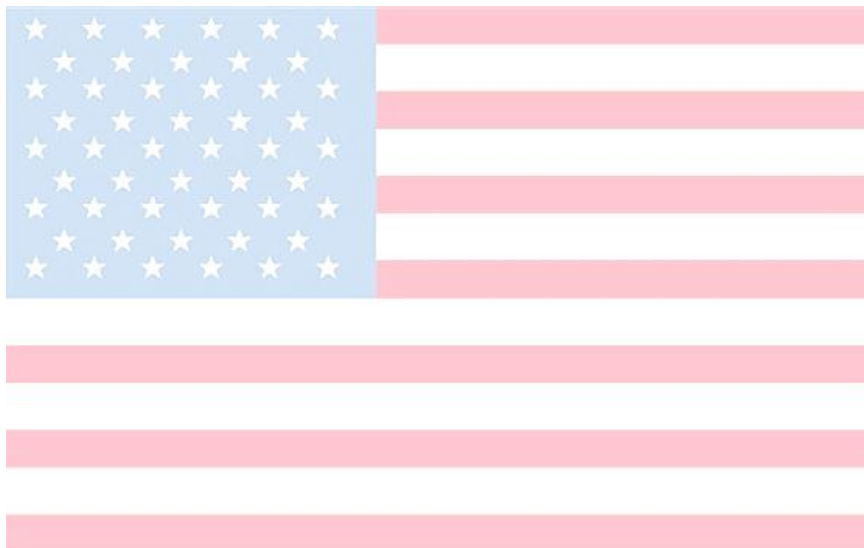
Emergency Police, Fire,
and Medical 9-1-1

Fire Department,
non-emergency 325-1904

Trustees Assistant, Zoning and Hall Rental 325-7338

Road Department (Larry Klodt)325-2776

Newsletter Editor (Dan Kolasky)325-7338



Raise Mower Height for Healthier Lawns, Cleaner Water

Turf grass, like other plants, must manufacture sugars through photosynthesis in their leaves if they are to develop into a high quality lawn. Closely mowed lawns have limited leaf area to take in the sunlight to produce the food they need to be healthy. In addition to leaf area, a direct relationship exists between the height of turf grass plants and the depth and total mass of their root system. **Kentucky blue grass and tall fescue lawns mowed at the recommended summer height of 3 inches have roots more than twice as deep as those of closely cropped lawns.** The shallow, weak roots of closely mowed lawns exhibit stress first and loss of grass plants to competing weeds is more likely, particularly during the summer. Raising mower heights during the summer will keep soil temperatures cooler, preserve soil moisture and help maintain turf grass quality. Thicker lawns are more weed resistant, absorb more stormwater, lose less sediment during storms, and need less

fertilizer. So this Summer, **remember to raise your mower height to three inches, or remind your lawn service company, for a healthier lawn and cleaner streams this summer.**

Thank you for helping to protect clean water!



Big Brothers & Sisters of Portage County



"Cars for Kids" We'll take your clunker!

"Cars for Kids" helps raise funds for our One-to-One Mentoring program.

To donate your running or non-running vehicle:

- Call the BB&S office at 330.296.6655
- Vehicle towed free of charge, usually in 48 hrs
- Donors need to provide the keys and title
- Donors may also be eligible for a tax deduction for a charitable donation

All money stays local and is used to serve the children of Portage County.